

amount been constituted as a separate fund and invested or has it been merged under the Deficit Budget?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is kept separate and it is preserved as such.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it deposited separately? I do not find any reference in the Budget?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered the question.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—So far as I know, under the column 'Investment,' I do not find any separate investment so far as this amount of Rs. 23,72,000 is concerned. I do not find it under any head.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—So far, the Government have been dealing with this work. Now that the Corporation has come into existence and begun its work, whether the amount should be transferred to them has to be considered.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Am I right in assuming that there are no separate investment so far as this fund is concerned?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No separate investment.

Amendment to the Hindu Women's Rights Act, 1933.

Q.—180. Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN (Ulsoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a committee was set up to recommend amendments to the Hindu Women's Rights Act, 1933;

(b) when the report of the committee was received;

(c) whether it is the intention of the Government to amend the 1933 Act to give more rights to women?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) In May 1949.

(c) As the Central Government had undertaken legislation on an All-India basis in respect of this and other branches of Hindu Law, this Government, which had a Bill introduced in the then Representative Assembly of

October 1949, withdrew the measure. The subject is, now, under the Constitution in Concurrent List and as the Central Government is intending to legislate in the matter for the whole of India, this Government do not intend to undertake any local legislation on the subject.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Will the Government be pleased to state when the Centre has introduced this Bill in the Parliament?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is pending before Parliament, as all of us know, for the last two or three years.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Is it necessary for us to wait for the Centre to pass that Act when we have got our own?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is fully desirable and also necessary.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Is it the policy of the Government always to wait till the Centre passes any Act like this?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I am speaking only in respect of this Act.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—May I know the reasons for such long delay from May 1949?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—This piece of legislation is so comprehensive that I do not think any inordinate delay has occurred.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Is the Government sure that this Act will be passed by the Central Legislature early?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is in the hands of the members of the Parliament.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Why not we pass this Act in this Assembly and give relief to 50 per cent of the population in the State, and thus give a lead to other States in the Union?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The subject comes under the Concurrent List and it is very desirable that we should have a common law for the whole of India.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Questions Nos. 5, 127, 439 and 523 relate to the same subject and all of them may be taken up together. The procedure will be, the Members who had sent in notice of the

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questions will put the questions first and then Sri K. Lakkappa may begin putting supplementaries.

District Boards.

Q.—5. Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Channarayapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) when will they propose to hold District Board Elections;
- (b) whether they have already taken steps in the matter;
- (c) the steps they have taken so far?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) In about four months.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Village Panchayet and District Board Act is being amended and the rules for elections are being framed. The department concerned is also taking necessary action to hold the elections.

Q.—127. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA Mulbagal—Srinivasapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they have decided to extend the term of the present District Boards?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

Yes.

Q.—439. Sri T. N. MUDLAGIRI GOWDA (Kunigal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) in which year the present District Boards were constituted;
- (b) the number of times the term of these Boards has been extended;
- (c) when the District Boards and Village Panchayets Act of 1952 came into force?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) In the year 1947.

(b) Four times.

(c) On the 14th February 1952.

Q.—523. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the terms of the District Boards in the State expired;

(b) the number of extensions granted;

(c) how many more extensions will be given;

(d) when it has been decided by the Government to hold elections according to the new Act;

(e) whether any preliminary arrangements have been made in respect of this election?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) 1st June 1950.

(b) Four.

(c) No more extensions will be given.

(d) Within four or five months.

(e) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ದಿವ್ಯಕ್ತ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ calendar of events ಏನಾದರೂ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಇನ್ನೂ ಹಾಕಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವಾಗ ಹಾಕುತ್ತೀರಿ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—The Hon'ble Member knows that a Bill to provide for elections for District Boards is under the consideration of the House and so, immediately that is passed, the calendar will be prepared.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—Voters' list publish ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Voters' List is being prepared.